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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references listed on the annexed PTO Form-1449 are also submitted herewith. This information Disclosure Statement supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 24, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The references listed in the Form PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 00 31 0108 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the August 2, 2002 European Search Report was enclosed with the January 24, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

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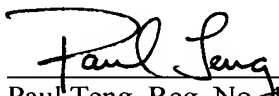
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